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Christ Church is an attractive stone building at the corner of Six and Venango Streets. The parish house is attached and contains two stories. The rectory is a three-bedroom red-brick row house next to the parish house. The interior of the church was well kept, but the parish and the church exterior needed some refurbishing.

The Church Self-Study Form submitted by this congregation was incomplete in many areas and there was no Episcopal Census submitted.

At the time of the visitation meeting only the rector was present and a representative of the Division of Research did not have opportunity to talk with members of the congregation.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

Christ Church is located in the Upper North Philadelphia area, so designated by the City Planning Commission. It is also located in Census Tract 43-F. The Division of Research has arbitrarily assigned a "parish study area" consisting of seven census tracts surrounding the church location.

The 1960 population of this parish study area was 45,973 persons. The area immediately surrounding the church consists of row houses and some commercial enterprises. It is a deteriorating portion of the City of Philadelphia and it is reported that there is no re-development plan for the area at this time. Only Census Tract 43-C has comparable data on the population between 1950 and 1960, and in that one area the population

declined -8%.

Children under 15 years of age in the parish study area average around 20% of the total population, while adults 65 years of age and over represent from 12 to 18%. These figures indicate that there is a significant number of older, retired people living there.

In 1960 the non-white content of the population varied from less than 1% to over 8%. In the immediate vicinity around Christ Church the percentage was very low. The 175 Puerto Ricans in the study area represented 0.4% of the total population. The following chart gives some details.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE	% PUERTO RICAN
43-F	NA	6,257	-	24.1	13.2	0.3	0.4
43-D	NA	7,220	-	24.1	14.7	0.5	0.2
43-E	NA	10,887	-	24.0	14.6	1.9	0.6
43-C	6,069	5,582	-8.0	20.2	17.5	8.2	0
37-A	NA	2,833	-	17.0	17.9	6.4	1.6
33-F	NA	2,933	-	23.1	13.0	1.6	0
33-G	NA	10,261	-	26.8	11.2	0.2	0.2
TOTAL		45,973				2.1	0.4

The median education level of the population is quite low ranging from 8.7 years to 9.9 years. The average for the City of Philadelphia is 9.6 years. The median age runs in the middle 30's to low 40's. The percentage of adults who are high school graduates or went to college is quite small as will be seen on the following chart.

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EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	MED. EDUC.	MED. AGE M	MED. AGE F
43-F	11.9	2.7	1.6	8.7	34.7	37.9
43-D	14.5	2.9	1.7	8.8	34.1	37.3
43-E	12.4	3.0	0.9	8.7	35.4	39.4
43-C	20.4	5.0	3.1	9.3	38.2	43.4
37-A	19.4	5.8	7.7	9.9	37.8	43.6
33-F	13.6	1.3	0.8	8.7	36.1	40.7
33-G	12.4	2.1	1.1	8.7	32.1	35.2

Except in Census Tract 37-A, well over half of the population in the area lived in the same residence from 1955 to 1960. The median family income is low, ranging from $5,060.00 to $5,993.00.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1950	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	PUERTO RICAN	MED. FAMILY INC.	1960 RESIDENCE SAME AS 1955 %
43-F	NA	17	-	27	5,831	66.0
43-D	NA	37	-	11	5,993	69.6
43-E	NA	206	-	67	5,657	67.4
43-C	343	460	34.1	0	5,444	59.2
37-A	NA	181	-	45	5,060	46.0
33-F	NA	48	-	0	5,203	71.9
33-G	NA	24	-	25	5,613	66.0
TOTAL		973		175		

The membership maps from all Episcopal congregations in the diocese were combined and they show that there were 714 identifiable Episcopalians living in the assigned parish area of this congregation. This number is 1.6% of the 1960 population, a ratio below the 3.2% for the diocese and the 1.8% for the Episcopal Church nationally.

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Of these 714 Episcopalians, 135, or 18.9%, look to Christ Church for spiritual guidance. This latter number is 56.5% of the mapped membership of the congregation. Details of the Episcopal distribution will be seen on the chart below.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
43-F	6,257	98	1.6	53	54.1	22.2
43-D	7,220	75	1.0	39	52.0	16.3
43-E	10,887	216	2.0	33	15.3	13.8
43-C	5,582	60	1.1	3	5.0	1.3
37-A	2,833	33	1.2	0	0	-
33-F	2,933	10	0.3	5	50.0	2.1
33-G	10,261	222	2.2	2	0.9	0.8
TOTAL	45,973	714	1.6	135	18.9	56.5

Located within the church neighborhood are two public grade schools, and two parochial grade schools. In addition, there are seven religious congregations.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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The Church Self-Study Form reporting on the program of the parish, was only partially completed.

Attendance figures show that 29% of the baptized membership is present on an average Sunday. This compares with the 45% to 50% in most Episcopal congregations across the country. The percentage of adult participation in parish organizations apparently is very low. Five parish groups were reported on and together they have an average attendance at meetings of 47 persons.

The EYC combines teen-agers of the parish and of the neighborhood. The primary activities of the organizations appear to be the raising of money.

The church school has 37 students enrolled, seven in the primary, 15 in the grade school and 15 in the junior and senior high. Course material is that "as provided by rector". The need of the church school is reported to be more students. The adult education program of the parish is reported to be non-existent.

Although requested, no financial figures on pledges, or plate offerings, or expenditures were given. It was stated that no Every Member Canvass is conducted each year and that solicitation is done by mail. Under the category of travel, information was requested regarding the annual operating expenses of the priest's car, omitting depreciation, and the answer supplied was that this is "private information".

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The rector reports making from 21 to 27 calls a week for all purposes. Pastoral counselling is reported to take 26 hours per week. There is no program of lay pastoral visitation or evangelism.

Interested persons are referred to the full report of the Church Self-Study Form that is reproduced following this discussion.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
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Date 12-19-64

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church Christ Church

Street S.W. Corner Sixth and Venango Sts.

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? North - Roosevelt Blvd - South Allegheny Avenue - West ~~Eleventh Street~~ - East second Street

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ____ Industrial uses ✓ Apartment dwellings ✓

Rooming houses ✓ Single-home dwellings ✓ A college ____ Military uses ____

Other institutions ____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

More than one type because of varried land and building size and usage

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

No - not in last ten years - the pattern of decline has been the same.

D. Describe the immediate church neighborhood:

Worn out housing of the sort that is not saleable. Built in period 1880-1910. Three story buildings are rooming houses. Two story buildings need to be replaced. Industrial buildings are no longer usable for purpose for which they were built. Second best usage now is process-

E. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Taylor Grade School	15th & Erie Ave.
Wright Grade School	11th & Venango St.

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
None	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
None	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
St. Veronica's	3521 N. 6th. St.
Our Lady of Pompeii	610 W. Erie Ave

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
None	

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES	ADDRESS
None	

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
St. Veronica's	6th. and Tioga
St. Henry's	5th. and Lycoming
Our Lady of Pompeii	6th & Erie
Erie Avenue Methodist	7th & Erie
Second Baptist of Franklinville	4th. & Glenwood
Bethel Luth.	5th & Glenwood
St. Paul's E & C.	5th Above Erie

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

CHRIST CHURCH FRANKLINVILLE

Formerly Called The Church of The Heavenly Rest

1872 - 1961

The mission was organized on the second Sunday in August, 1872, in Bairds Hall, on Rising Sun and Nicetown Lanes, by a group of ladies led by Mrs. E. H. Murphy an Mrs. C. A. Hirons, and given the name of "Church of Th Heavenly Rest." Later they met in the Old Baptist Meetir House, which was situated on Lawrence Street below Vena Street, moving from there to Schwartz's Hall, at 807 Wes Venango Street, thence to Thompson's Hall, N. W. Cor. Sixth and Venango Street.

Here final action was taken upon procuring a site and building for a place of worship of its own. The Rt. Rev. William B. Stevens secured the present site and on April 17, 1876, the cornerstone of the little frame chapel was laid and the name of the church was changed to Christ Church. The original cost of the site was forty-three hundred dollars and the cost of the frame chapel erected by A. A. Catanach was twenty-five hundred dollars.

The sacrifices and the generosity of these early members laid the foundation for the present buildings and the work which we are privileged to enjoy. On June 7, 1877, the chapel was opened with the first confirmation service by Bishop Stevens.

It was not long before the congregation had outgrown its new building and with the appointment as priest in charge of the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Taylor and his associate, The Rev. Henry C. Mayer, two hundred dollars was raised to begin the fund of the new Church to meet the growing needs of the Parish. The father-in-law of the Rev. Henry C. Mayer giving them the sum of five thousand dollars for the building fund. The Advancement Society paid the last five hundred dollars on the cost of the site and Archdeacon Brady made a generous offering from the Archdeacon's Fund. Ground was broken for the present Church, and on December 5, 1896, the cornerstone of the present Church was laid, a very stormy day with much snow and high winds blowing, which did not deter the members from assembling and marching from the Chapel singing "The Church's One Foundation." Then on Whitsunday, June 6, 1897, just twenty years from the dedication of the Chapel, the congregation occupied the new Church, with Archdeacon Brady preaching. The Rev. Mr. Taylor was priest in charge for seventeen years, a zealous worker and much beloved by his people. He was succeeded by The Rev. H. C. Mayer, who soon after went to Cuba and was succeeded by The Rev. Gustave Whilun Mayer, and during his cure the entire indebtedness on the church was liquidated.

On June 10, 1895, a mission was started in a house on Second Street below Ontario, under the name of St. Ambrose; this was the outgrowth of cottage services held under The Rev. Thomas Taylor, then Rector of Christ Church, and ably assisted by Mr. William Simpson, Lay Reader and loyal churchman. The work prospered from the first, and today is one of our most active Diocesan Missions.

In 1902 the Bishop of the Diocese appointed The Rev. William Bernard Gilpin, much beloved and a true churchman; through him the pipe organ was placed in the church and a gift of one thousand dollars from Mr. Andrew Carnagie. In 1894 Christ Church organized a mission for the colored children at Sixth and Bristol Streets, which was carried on for fifteen years. Miss Lucy Hamerton giving much of her time and talent to this work, at the mission of St. Faith. Later the work was abandoned on account of neighborhood changes.

Under the Rectorship of The Rev. Gilpin, the first money was raised for the present Parish House. The same day that the cornerstone was laid at St. Ambrose Mission a little social was held by Dorothy, Helen and Mildred Orr, realizing the sum of six dollars; this was the beginning of the Parish House Fund.

In October, 1906, The Bishop of the Diocese appointed the Rev. John Bawn in charge of the Parish. Through the generosity of The Rev. and Mrs. Bawn, of their time, talents and possessions, much was done to beautify the church and build the Parish House, which was ready for occupancy March 15, 1908, and with the granting of our Charter, May 10, 1910, Christ Church became a Parish.

The available list at hand shows the following Clergy have worked and sacrificed to bring our Parish to its present standard, having served in the order given:

The Rev. W. S. Heaton
The Rev. J. J. Sleeper
The Rev. Peter Russell
The Rev. J. J. Sleeper
The Rev. Thomas J. Taylor
The Rev. H. Christian Mayer
The Rev. Gustave W. Mayer
The Rev. Bernard Gilpin
The Rev. John G. Bawn
The Rev. George S. Sinclair
The Rev. Albert Holt
The Rev. Harry K. B. Ogle
The Rev. Arthur B. Appleton
The Rev. Wm. Vaughn Ischie, Jr.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Cor. Sixth and Venango Sts. Church

3550 W. Sixth - Parish House

3552 W. Sixth - Rectory

2. Type of church building: Frame ____ Brick ____ Stone ✓ Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed; with estimated cost:

Church - Painting and wood refinishing - $2500 *

Parish House - Complete renovation - $15,000 *

Rectory - Painting & refinish floors - $500 *

Replacement Value $ * 1 Amount of insurance carried $ 250,000 * 2

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached ____ Separated ____; In basement of the church ____; Frame ____ Brick ✓ Stone ✓ Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

See above and below

Replacement value $ * Amount of insurance carried $ ~

* figures are guesses - not based on solid estimates.

*1 no way to give this figures - a request has been made to ins. carrier to supply it.

*2. Blanket Policy.

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated _____; Frame _____
Brick ✓ Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

See p. J5-2

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 4500 Insurance carried: $ See p. J-5-2

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

no other buildings owned

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B. Membership (secure from parish records);

1. Number of church families: Total Number _____

   Number of individuals not in families _____

2. Baptized membership

Communicants			Church School		
1950	1960	Now	1950	1960	Now	1950	1960	Now
____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____

3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list

   Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
Removed	____	____	____	____	____
Added	____	____	____	____	____

4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families	____	____	____	____	____
By confirmation from other Churches	____	____	____	____	____
By reception from other Churches	____	____	____	____	____
By baptism and confirmation from no church	____	____	____	____	____
Total	____	____	____	____	____

5. Attendance:

   Number of communicants who attended regularly last year _____

   Number of communicants who attended occasionally _____

   Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community _____

   Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred _____

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 17

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Mass	8:00 A.M.	10	12	15
Mass	11:00 A.M.	50	60	70

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
None				

*Use figures from Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Five services in Lent

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

None

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? No
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 5

b. Students 37

Total 42

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 15

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 38

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Telephone calls are made

2. Worship schedule 9:30 worship

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	LEADER
Primary	Sunday	9:30	1 hr.	Miss D. Rock
Grade School	"	"	"	Miss H. Whitman
Jr. High - High School	"	"	"	The Rev. Wm Ischi. f:

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
Primary	7						As provided by Pastors
Grade School	15						"
Jr. & Sr. High	15						"

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Ford Du Lane. Series

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

None

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By draft

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leader, etc. No training

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

By rector

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	____	Grade school	2	one	____
20 to 29	____	Junior high	____	two	____
30 to 39	1	Senior high	____	three	____
40 to 49	2	1 to 3 years college	____	four	____
50 years or more	____	College grad.	____	five	____
		Graduate study	1	6 to 10	____
Male	____			11 to 20	____
Female	____			20 and over	✓

7. What problems does the church school have? Badly in need of more students.

B. Vacation Church School None

1. When is it held? —
2. For how long each day? —
3. What type of courses are taught? —
4. How many children attend, usually? —
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? —
6. How many teachers are there?

C. Released Time Program None

1. When are classes held? —
2. What type of courses are taught? —
3. How many of this congregation's children attend? —
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

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5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

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D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report. —

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 9 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 10 c. How long is each session? 1 hr. d. Who is the instructor? Clergy e. What material is used? Provided by clergy

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Basically the same.

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 10 b. How long is each session? 1 hr. c. Who is the instructor? clergy d. What material is used? Provided by clergy

F. Adult Education None

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

- None -

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
~~Adults~~	~~12~~	~~30~~	2	

2. What Retreats, Missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

— None —

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

— None —

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By more teachers —

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult* (1) women in the congregation. 200
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 47

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 200
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 0
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 0

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 0
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 0

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls	none	none	none
2. Number of organizations	none		
3. Total active membership			

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys			
2. Number of organizations			
3. Total active membership			

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations		2	2
2. Total active membership			

N. B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

*(1) Adult over

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Alpha -

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Eve-Tues

B. Why does this organization exist?

Christian fellowship

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

raise money - they do it very well.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Get more members - raise more money

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Education program should be included.

Signed by: W. Vogh Isch[illegible] Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Evening Group.

Total active members 11 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meeting Eve - Tues

B. Why does this organization exist?

Christian fellowship

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Women of Parish

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

raise money

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Get more members - raise more money

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Because of advanced age of members

Signed by: Rev. Vaughn Isbell Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name E.Y.C.

Total active members 21 Average attendance at meetings 18

Number of meetings each month 5 Day and time of meetings Sun - Eve

B. Why does this organization exist?

Christian Fellowship

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Teenagers of Parish + neighborhood.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Provided by programs Comm of E.Y.C.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Hikes - hayrides etc.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

more members - christian evangelism

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? more members

Signed by: [illegible] Title: Pastor

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St Catherines Guild

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 11

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Sunday 12:15

B. Why does this organization exist:

To do the work of Altar guild

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Women of parish

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

None -

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

None

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

None - except money.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? A parish nurse would be of help.

Signed by: Rev. Virginia Shinsky Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Server's Guild

Total active members 17 Average attendance at meetings ha meeting

Number of meetings each month _____ Day and time of meetings _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

Serveing mass

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? boys of Parish

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Traing by clergy

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

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F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

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G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? More traing

Signed by: Wm. Virgil Bellinger Title: Rector.

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
The Rev. Arthur Appleton	40	23 yrs.	Retired
The Rev. Geo. V. Ischiagh	28	10	Present rector.

A. Does the present ~~minister~~ Priest live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full-time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 2
Please give details.

The Rev. W. J. Fiechter - Church of the Atonement, Norton, Pa.

J. P. Simpson Jr. - Seminary Class of ~~1965~~

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? _____

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations? ——

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $ _____ (2) Plate offerings $_____ (3) Parish or mission organizations $_____ (4) Endowments $_____ (5) Special fund drives $_____ (6) Other (please specify) $_____

_____

_____

B. Disbursements		1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses							
Diocesan Assessment							
Missionary Disbursements							
Special parish expense							
Clergy salary or salaries:							
from congregation	a)						
	b)						
from other sources	a)						
	b)						

Rental value of the rectory $ _____

Is the church in debt? _____ Amount of debt $_____ Method of repayment _____

_____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? No

   If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? by mail Describe the training of the canvassers. None

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

   Sermons etc.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support?

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10. Additional comments or information on finances:

    People are on aged pensions - retired -

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest ✓ Congregation ____ Diocese ____
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation, $ Private information
4. By whom is the operating expense paid? —
5. How much does the local congregation pay? None
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 1000

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	10	12	15
2. Sick or emergency	8	9	12
3. Calls for other purposes			

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Evenings

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? Yes

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Newcomers are called on first over.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 26 hrs per week

*Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization.— None —

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

— None —

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. None

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?
Invited to church - organizations

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.
None.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? As to advantage

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None

C. What use is made of the U. S. Mail? Parish mailings

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Sunday bulletins

E. How many church road signs are there? None

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. Varried according to needs

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Varried according to needs

D. Describe the parish program for the immediate neighborhood.

Scouting + Youth Programs - Rector dealing with people and their problems.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

None

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Religious bodies not organized - Member P. C. Churches

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: None

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: None

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Attend meetings

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? no

H. What percent of the congregation's budget goes for missionary work? 0

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, functions, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

None

Unemployed teenagers are used to do sexton work

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

laymen of parish give time to work of parish.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: 1 curate

2. Buildings: $15,000 to be raised by outside & inside of parish contributions

3. Equipment: none

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Adequate help to do the job.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Declined neighborhood - lack of money

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

None on the basis of this study

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

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F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

Need of more help - knowledgeable help - in various aspects of Parish work

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
The Rev. Wm. Vaughn Ischinger	Priest	10 yrs.

Date completed: 12-19-64 (for the second time - first copy lost)

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

There were 239 persons located on the membership map submitted by this congregation. They live in 32 census tracts in Philadelphia, with the greatest concentration being in Census Tract 43-F, in which Christ Church is located.

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The following page contains a print-out of the distribution and should be studied with a United States Census Tract map at hand.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA CHRIST

	CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
	19A	4	17
	19B	1	4
	20A	3	13
	26D	2	8
	27C	2	8
	33C	5	21
	33E	6	25
	33F	5	21
	33G	2	8
	33H	2	8
	33J	19	80
	35D	1	4
	35E	8	33
	35G	3	13
	41G	1	4
	41I	2	8
	41J	3	13
	42B	2	8
	42D	2	8
	43A	19	80
	43C	3	13
	43D	39	163
	43E	33	138
X	43F	53	222
	49B	2	8
	49C	4	17
	53B	3	13
	56B	1	4
	56F	3	13
	57F	1	4
	59B	1	4
	59F	4	17
		239	1000

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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Figures for this portion of the Study are taken from the Journals of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Statistics were gathered for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the next three years thereafter. Details of the vital statistics may be seen on the chart following this discussion.

From 1940 to 1950 the baptized membership showed a declining picture. During the next 10 years there was a slight increase, being 25.8%. Since 1960 the baptized membership has declined.

The communicant strength of this congregation showed a similar pattern, declining to a low in 1950 then increasing 43.9% by 1960. After that time the communicant strength declined and in 1963 it was the same as it had been in 1950.

The church school enrollment fell and rose in the 1940's and then rose and fell in 1950's. Since 1950 it has declined, and in 1963 it was at an all-time low.

During the three years from 1961 through 1963 there were 56 persons reported baptized and 74 persons reported confirmed at Christ Church. These figures represent 9.3% and 12.3% of the communicant strength of the parish. Comparable ratios are 3.9% and 4.1% for the diocese and 5.5% and 5.8% respectively for the Episcopal Church nationally.

Normally the Division of Research makes an analysis of the financial figures of each congregation

as reported in the Journals. Since 1960 the figures submitted by Christ Church have either been missing or partial. Because of this no analysis can be made.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH CHRIST CHURCH TOWN FRANKLINVILLE

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	480	336	325	346	409	* NR	400	281
Communicants	424	306	253	295	364	NR	347	253
Church School	84	69	82	101	80	80	45	37
Baptisms	8	15	9	22	13	24	14	18
Percentage of Communicants	1.9	4.9	3.6	7.5	3.6	—	4.0	7.1
Confirmations	4	16	14	36	16	17	20	37
Percentage of Communicants	0.9	5.2	5.5	12.2	4.4	—	5.8	14.6
Parochial Expenditures 1	4,855	5,266	6,285	14,289	12,337	9,871	9625	—
Special Par. Expenditures 2	3,939	1,983	2,548	2,133	6,655	2,456	2616	—
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	111	392	367	626	493	—	—	—
Total Reported Expenditures	8,905	7,641	9,200	17,048	19,485	12,327	12,241	—
Expenditures per Communicant	21.00	24.97	36.36	57.79	53.53	—	35.28	—
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	0.26	1.28	1.45	2.12	1.35	—	—	—

* NR: NO REPORT

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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There was no Episcopal Census received from this congregation and therefore no information is available on the age and sex characteristics of the members.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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CHRIST CHURCH, Franklinville, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

An analysis of the profile and program of this congregation is difficult to make because the Church Self-Study Form was only partially completed and no Episcopal Census was received. At the time of the visit by a representative of the General Division of Research and Field Study only the rector was present and there were no conversations held with members of the congregation. The rector reports that the Church Self-Study Form is the second copy submitted. This was filled out by him alone.

The membership distribution map shows that more than half of the members live within the parish area. The Church Self-Study Form reports that many people in the parish are retired and are on pensions. The median age of the population in the parish area ranges from 32 years to 43 years of age. The question as to how the parish might reach more of the younger people is raised. The median educational level of adults, 25 years of age and over in the parish area is approximately nine years. Since no Episcopal Census was received the General Division of Research and Field Study wonders if this is the parish average too. The 1960 median family income of the population was from $5,000.00 to $6,000.00. At the time of the visitation meeting the rector reported that there was no urban redevelopment planned for this area and that it should be considered an area of protected stagnation. The 1960 population of the parish study area was 45,973. Some 1.6% of this number is oriented to the Episcopal Church, but only 19% of all Episcopalians in the area attend Christ Church. Could the proportion of Christ Church members to the area population be increased?

Figures taken from the Journals of the diocese show a declining membership pattern for the parish in baptized membership, communicant strength, and church school enrollment.

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During the three years from 1961 through 1963, the reported percentages of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength were 9.3% and 12.3%, approximately three times that of the diocese as a whole. Since this is a reversal in the trend of parochial statistics, the General Division of Research and Field Study would be interested in knowing how such a high percentage of baptisms and confirmations to communicant strength was accomplished.

The finances of the congregation were not reported in the Church Self-Study Form, and no Parochial Report information about finances is available for the years since 1962, despite canonical requirements of a mandatory nature. In 1962 the total reported expenditures of the parish amounted to slightly over $12,000.00 annually.

At the time of the visitation meeting it was evident that the parish house facilities needed significant renovation. The interior of the church itself was well kept, but there was need for some minor exterior work. It was verbally reported that funds from outside of the parish are contributed to the support of the congregation.

The parish program appears to be minimal. According to figures submitted in the Church Self-Study Form, approximately 29% of the baptized membership is present at worship on Sunday morning. The average for most Episcopal congregations across the nation ranges from 45% to 50%. Participation by members of the parish in organizational work is low. The raising of money is reported to be one of the prime purposes of some groups. There is no program of evangelism; advertising and publicity are minimal; and the congregation contributes nothing to mission work outside of itself.

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The rector is quite active in counseling, reporting 26 hours per week on an average, and is involved in action on the level of social and community issues. Teen-age boys are employed to do sexton's work in the parish house. The church school is small and uses material "as provided by the rector". There is no training of teachers. The Church Self-Study Form reports that there is no adult education program in the congregation.

It is difficult to project a future for this congregation. With an aging membership, a financially subsidized budget, and a rector-oriented and minimal program, there does not appear to be much chance of growth.

Serious consultation should be held with diocesan authorities regarding details as to what course of action should be taken.